

POINSETT BRIDGE
SC Route 42, 2 miles NW of
SC Route 11, 2.5 miles E
of SC Route 25, 25 miles
N of Greenville
Tigerville vicinity
Greenville County
South Carolina

HAER No. SC-14

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SC
23-TIGVILLE,
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PHOTOGRAPHS AND
WRITTEN HISTORICAL DATA

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HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD
SITE DATA FORM

STATE	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY
South Carolina	Greenville	Greenville

HISTORIC NAME	HAER NO.
Poinsett Bridge (NR nomination)	SC-14

SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES

COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL AREAS) Adjacent to SC Secondary Road 42, spanning Little Gap Creek, 2 miles NW of SC Primary Highway 11. ..

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, BUILDER, OR FABRICATOR

1820 (NR nomination)

SIGNIFICANCE (TECHNOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE) The bridge was completed in 1820 by the South Carolina Board of Public Works as part of the old state road, laid out by Joel Poinsett from 1817-1819 while he was director of public works, which ran from Charleston, SC to Greenville, SC and from Greenville, *
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)

MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)

Stone

SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)

EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE

Finely crafted Gothic Arch

INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE MECHANICAL SYSTEMS, MACHINERY OR EQUIPMENT)

MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES

PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Threatened, roadbed is eroding and sidewalls are becoming destabilized; roadside park.

OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE

SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY LANDMARK DESIGNATIONS, ETC.)

Listed in National Register 10/22/70

COMPILER, AFFILIATION	DATE
H. Thomas Shaw, SCDAM	4/5/88

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* SC to Asheville, North Carolina. It is built of stone quarried and fitted without mortar. This was unusual for bridge construction in South Carolina and represents a significant technological and engineering achievement in such a remote part of the uncountrry in the early 19th century. The peak of the Gothic arch is almost fourteen feet high.